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First Blogs Registered Under New Russian Media Law

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Russian media watchdog Roskomnadzor has registered nine blogs since a law took effect on Friday requiring well-known bloggers to register with the agency.

Communications and Mass Media Minister Nikolai Nikiforov registered his Twitter and Instagram accounts. Actress Maria Kozhevnikov and the general director of the online tabloid Life News, Ashot Garbelyanov also registered their blogs, state news service ITAR-Tass reported.

The law applies to blogs that receive more than 3,000 views per day. ITAR-Tass reported that Roskomnadzor received about 180 applications on the first day, 30 percent of which were "spam."

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